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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An ostomy appliance comprising:

a base plate, said base plate having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter and an adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest;

a receiving member or bag releasably attached to the base plate, said bag having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter; and

a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving member and being releasably attachable to the base plate in a first coupling area by a first coupling ~~means~~ component, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and the receiving member being releasably attachable to the base plate by a second coupling ~~means~~ component, wherein the first coupling ~~means~~ is component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for releasable sealing against a second surface of the base plate facing away from the user and wherein the said inner bag liner is being folded along

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a plurality of provided with folding lines such that said inner for compacting the bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being configured to automatically unfold in response to receipt of wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter such that said inner bag liner is extended lengthwise within said receiving member or bag as the liner is filled.

2. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coupling means component is in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the second hole and having a surface for adhesive sealing against the second surface of the base plate.

3. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 2 wherein the an outer diameter of the first coupling means component is greater than the an inner diameter of the second coupling means component.

4. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 2 wherein the a peel strength of the adhesive sealing of the first coupling means component is greater than the a peel strength of the second couplings means component.

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5. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coupling ~~means~~ component is in the form of one or more coupling rings and wherein ~~the~~ an outer diameter of the first coupling ~~means~~ component is smaller than ~~the~~ an inner diameter of the second coupling ~~means~~ component.

6. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inner bag liner is provided with a membrane allowing intestinal gas to escape but is impermeable to liquids.

7. (Currently Amended) An ostomy appliance comprising an adhesive wafer, said adhesive wafer having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter, said adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest and a receiving member or bag attached to the adhesive wafer, said bag having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter; and a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving member and being releasably attachable to the adhesive wafer by a first coupling ~~means~~ component, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said wherein ~~the~~ first coupling ~~means~~ is component being in the form of

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an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for releasable sealing against a first surface of the adhesive wafer, and wherein the said inner bag liner is being folded along provided with folding lines such that said inner for compacting the bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being configured to automatically unfold in response to receipt of wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter such that said inner bag liner is extended lengthwise within said receiving member or bag as the liner is filled.

8. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inner bag liner is when compacted lengthwise to form forms a disc-like structure having an outer diameter less than the inner diameter of the first coupling means component.

9. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the folding of said liner along said folding lines form forms a bellows.

10. (Currently Amended) An The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the folding of said liner along said folding lines form forms a telescopic bellows.

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11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the closed end of the compacted inner bag liner is provided with a cover to retain said compacted inner bag liner in a compact conformation prior to use.

12. (Currently Amended) A disposable inner bag liner having an open end for receiving effluents or waste products of the body and for use together with an ostomy appliance comprising having an adhesive wafer to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest and a receiving member or bag having a hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said disposable inner bag liner having comprising a hole in said open end for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and having a closed end being capable of forming a bag inside the receiving member, an adhesive flange ~~for being releasably attachable to the adhesive wafer in a first coupling area by first coupling means~~ wherein the first coupling means is in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the hole and having a surface for releasable sealing against a surface of the adhesive wafer, and said wherein the inner bag liner is being folded along provided with folding lines such that said inner ~~for compacting the bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being~~

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configured to unfold automatically in response to receipt of waste exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter enabling said inner bag liner to be extended lengthwise as the closed end of the liner is filled.

13. (Currently Amended) A The disposable inner bag liner as claimed in claim 12 wherein the inner bag liner is provided with a membrane allowing intestinal gas to escape from the inner bag liner but is impermeable to liquids.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of applying to an ostomate an ostomy appliance comprising a base plate, said base plate having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter and an adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest; a receiving member or bag releasably attachable to the base plate, said receiving member having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter; and a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving member and being releasably attachable to the base plate, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said inner bag liner being compacted lengthwise to form a disc-like structure, and said inner bag liner being attachable releasably to the base

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plate in a first coupling area by a first coupling means component and the receiving member being attachable releasably to the base plate by second a coupling means component, said wherein the first coupling means is component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for adhesive sealing against a second surface of the base plate facing away from the user, said method comprising:

locating the stoma and applying the base plate[[],];

locating the inner bag liner and applying and sealing the same to the first coupling area, said inner bag liner being folded lengthwise so as to form said disc-like structure having a compact conformation;

removing a release liner covering said first coupling means component; if present, and

attaching the receiving member to the base plate.

15. (New) The method as set forth in claim 14, further comprising the step of securing said disc-like structure in said compact conformation by placing a cover on a closed end of said inner bag liner, said cover being removed in use of said inner bag liner by automatic unfolding of said bag liner in response to

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receipt of waste exiting said stoma, ureter or catheter and entering an open end of said inner bag liner.

16. (New) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 8 further comprising a cover on the closed end of said disc-like structure to retain said inner bag liner in a compact conformation prior to use.

17. (New) The disposable inner bag liner as claimed in claim 12 wherein the closed end of the compacted inner bag liner is provided with a cover that retains said compacted inner bag liner in a compact conformation prior to use.

18. (New) The disposable inner bag liner as claimed in claim 12 wherein said inner bag liner is folded radially and longitudinally to form a combination bellows.